



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2359

St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Commission Act of 2008

*As reported by Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 16, 2008*

S. 2359 would establish a commission to plan, develop, and coordinate programs, observances, and other activities commemorating the 450th anniversary of the founding of the settlement in St. Augustine, Florida. The commission would consist of 14 members and would terminate at the end of fiscal year 2015, after completing a final report to the Congress on its activities. Members of the commission would serve without pay but would be reimbursed for travel expenses. The commission also would be authorized to hire staff, use volunteers and personnel from other federal agencies and states, and make grants to communities, nonprofit organizations, and other groups to develop programs and information related to commemoration activities. Finally, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000 annually over the 2009-2015 period to carry out the commission's activities.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the commission would spend about \$500,000 annually over the 2009-2015 period. Because S. 2359 would authorize the commission to accept and use gifts and contributions, the legislation could affect revenues and direct spending. CBO estimates, however, that any revenues from contributions and subsequent direct spending would total less than \$500,000 annually and would offset each other over the seven years of the commission's activities.

S. 2359 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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